

(b) During the year 1996-97, the Coffee Board continued to support the establishment of coffee cultivation in Non-conventional coffee growing States through various research and extension programme :-

(c) The Coffee Board participated in the following five trade fairs during 1996-97 (upto December, 1996) :

1. SPAFF-96, St. Petersburg, Russia 27-31, May' 96
2. Unitrex-96, Rotterdam, Holland 5-8, June' 96
3. INI, Trade Fair, Trieste, Italy 21-30, June' 96
4. SIAL Food Fair, Paris, France 20-24, Oct, 96
5. Foodapest-96, HUNGEXPO, 20-23, Nov' 96
Budapest, Hungary

(d) The amount spent on publicity in India and abroad by Coffee Board are as under :

For External Promotion	Rs. 23.40 lakhs
For Internal Promotion	Rs. 11.13 lakhs
Total	Rs. 34.53 lakhs

Infrastructure Development

4367. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Rakesh Mohan Committee has recommended sweeping changes in the financial markets to raise resources for the country's infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details of the recommendations that have been accepted and implemented; and

(c) the details of the recommendations which are still pending ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The Rakesh Mohan Committee has provided directions for policy reforms which can help in greater commercialisation of infrastructure along with promotion of public - private partnerships. The Committee has stated that India needs an institution to specifically provide credit enhancements to projects and activate the debt market. The Committee has recommended that if infrastructure has to be financed through the capital markets, it is necessary to initiate major reform in the areas of contractual savings institutions (LIC, GIC, PFs, EPF) that have long term liabilities and make natural investors in private infrastructure projects.

To provide long-term finance for the infrastructure sector the Budget, 1996-97 announced establishment of an

Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDEC). The IDFC has since been incorporated under the Companies Act on 30.1.97 with an authorised share capital of Rs. 5000 crore. A loan of \$ 300 million has been tied up with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Private Sector Infrastructure Facility (PSIF) in order to support private sector infrastructure projects through the development of the long-term debt market. The Budget 1997-98 provides for the withdrawal of the requirement of keeping 20 per cent of incremental provident Fund amounts in the Special Deposit Scheme (SDS) with effect from April 1, 1997.

[Translation]

Artificial Silk

4368. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States where production of artificial silk is going on the country;

(b) the quantum of artificial silk produced during 1996-97 till date State-wise;

(c) The quantum of artificial silk exported during the above period and foreign exchange earned therefrom; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and export of artificial silk ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) :

(a) to (d) The details are given in statement-I and statement-II

Statement-I

Production of Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) and Viscose Filament Yarn (VFY)

(Quantity in Tonnes)

State	1996-97		1995-96	
	V.F.Y. (upto Jan '97 provisional	V.S.F. (Upto Feb '97 provisional	V.F.Y.	V.S.F.
Gujarat	14824	-	18133	-
Maharashtra	22440	-	27311	46
Madhya Pradesh	-	97944	-	116498
Karnataka	-	32001	-	31116
Kerala	1224	11366	2310	14856
Tamil Nadu	4792	24440	6532	31824
West Bengal	5387	-	6375	-

Statement-II

(c) The details about Export of Artificial silk and foreign exchange earned are as under :

	Quantity—Tonnes Value—Lakhs/Rs.	
	1996-97 (April-January)	1995-96
1. Fibre and Yarn		
Oty.	3747	7069
Value	5545	10764

2075.50 Tons of Rayon Filament Fabrics valued at US \$ 16.64 million was exported during 1996-97 (April-January).

(d) The Govt. have been various steps such as liberalisation of industrial licensing policy, rationalisation of fiscal duty structure, changes in EXIMP Policy, etc. with a view to increasing the production and export of textile items including artificial silk.

Paper Mills

4369.DR. M.P. JAISWAL : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of new paper mills in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the time by which the proposals are likely to be finalised; and

(d) the names of the mills which manufacture computer papers in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) No proposal is pending with the Government for grant of Industrial Licence for setting up of new paper mills in the country.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) The details of the mills manufacturing computer paper in the country are not maintained separately.

Export and Production of TEA and Coffee

4370.SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of coffee and tea in the country at present separately;

(b) whether the export of coffee and tea has declined during 1996-97;

(c) whether the Government have adopted some new measures to increase the export of coffee and tea;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these new measures are proposed to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) The estimated production of coffee is 2.05 lakh tonnes during 1996-97 season (July-June) and estimated production of tea during April 1996-March 1997 period is 780.31 million Kgs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Steps taken to increase exports by the concerned BOARDS include participation in trade fairs/exhibitions abroad. Conducting publicity campaigns, market surveys, holding buyer seller meets, promoting brands, etc. In respect of exports of tea to Russia under the debt repayment route, a proposal for exports on consignment basis has been worked out recently in consultation with Reserve Bank of India.

Misuse of Exim Policy by Exporters

4371.SHRI YELLAIAH NANDI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have initiated any action against the exporters for breach of conditions while availing themselves of the benefits under the Export-Import Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of exporters who have been found guilty during each of the last three years;

(d) the number of exporters who have rectified the false claims during each of the last three years;

(e) the action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Action is initiated under the provisions of the Foreign Trade (Development & Regulation) Act, 1992 and the Foreign Trade (Regulation) Rules, 1993 for violation of the export import policy and condition of licence as also for contravention of the provisions of the prescribed procedure. The penalties imposed under the provisions of